

Solemnity of the Epiphany

Maybe you have seen the quote, “Wise men still seek him.” I like that quote a latte!!! Today we celebrate the wise men seeking the baby Jesus and finding him. And when you find Jesus it makes all the difference. And until we find him, meet him, and truly know him, what hope does this world afford?

I am blessed, blessed, blessed. I had the opportunity for an incredibly profound experience a few years ago on Christmas Day. I went to prison. Yes, I got to go to prison- and they let me out, too! Seriously, I was able to offer a mass for minimum-security prison at Coffee Creek. Wow! The stories we heard. The grace that touched us, moved us and is still working on our souls. Every one of the eleven inmates was so grateful that a few of us were there to celebrate mass with them. I have not been around such concentrated gratitude for a long time. The inmates shared how being in prison can be like you are on an extended retreat- if you take it that way. I saw broken lives open to the infinite river of grace and God gushing forth from these women. Several talked about how, when they were on the outside, they were not free but that now they are free being in prison. That doesn't make sense, does it? But freedom is about knowing that you can never be in prison when you are with Jesus. Freedom is about knowing that, even though you may be in a physical prison, you can invite Jesus to come and unlock the doors of your spiritual prison. Freedom is knowing that you are loved, blessed, and forgiven- all the way to heaven. Freedom is knowing that Christmas happens every day of the year at St. Joseph The Worker and in our lives- all the way to the Eternal Christmas in heaven.

Talk about an Epiphany! Talk about the manifestation and revelation (which are the meanings of the word “Epiphany) of God in our lives!

One woman shared a pearl with us that I want to share with you, “Whoever seeks the most, finds the most!!!”

What is it that you seek? Do you find that which you are seeking after?

The wise men found what they were truly seeking for when they found the baby Jesus.
Wise men still seek him.

Whoever seeks the most, finds the most.

Fr. John



Jan 3rd
“Can I Get an Amen”
Jan 10th
“Fake Out”
Jan 16th
Life Teen Mass
Jan 28th-29th
NET Team at SJTW
Feb 5th-6th
Souper Bowl of Caring
(After each Mass)
Feb 7th
“Anywhere Man”
Feb 14th
“Game Night”
Feb 20th
Life Teen Mass



Jan 9th
“Connected”
Jan 16th
Life Teen Mass
Life Night
“Dis-Stress”
Jan 28th-29th
NET Team at SJTW
Feb 13th
“Save the Date”
Feb 20th
Life Teen Mass
Feb 25th-26th
“30 Hour Famine”
7:00PM Friday– 7:00PM Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan 3, 2011

Communion Service

Tuesday, Jan 4, 2011

+Pat Robison

(Becky Fletcher)

Wednesday, Jan 5, 2011

+Hugh Shephard

(Cecelia Halseth)

Thursday, Jan 6, 2010

+Don Fromwiller

(Mary Fromwiller)

Friday, Jan 7, 2011

+Pat Robison

(Carolyn Clawson)

Saturday, Jan 8, 2011

+Melvin Halseth

(Cecelia Halseth)

Sunday, Jan 9, 2011

8:30AM: +Lewis Paluck

(Julian Paluck)

10:30AM: People of the Parish

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan 3, 2011

7:00PM-Just Faith

Tuesday, Jan 4, 2011

7:00PM-KOC Officer Mtg S.R.

7:00PM-Family Rosary

7:00PM-Choir Practice

Friday, Jan 7, 2011

8:30AM-Fatima Prayer Cell

Saturday, Jan 8, 2011

9:00AM-RCIA S.R.

5:00PM-Baptisms

Sunday, Jan 9, 2011

9:00AM-Faith Formation

10:30AM-Rite of Acceptance & Welcome

The Altar Guild will be hosting an AACW meeting to include districts 5 & 6 on Jan 10th at 10:00AM with a Mass following at 11:00AM. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

HELP NEEDED

A parishioner is in need of help with housework & light cooking every other day up thru January. Hours would be approx 3:00-5:00PM. Looking for an adult, mature high school or college age. For info call the Parish Center 503-761-8710

Football Party!

The Ducks are playing for the national championship and we are watching the whole thing in the social room. Bring the family and join us for the **FREE FUN, FOOD, and FRIVOLITY** on Jan 10 for the 5:30PM kickoff.

Fatima Prayer Cell for 2011: Please join us the First Friday of every month after the 8 AM Mass. We will be using the book "Calls", by Sr. Lucia about the importance of Fatima. We will meet January 7th. All are welcome. Call Kathi Nordlund for more info 503-760-8429.

Thank you, thank you! To all who donated to the Care packages for the homebound. And, thank you to all the children at Sunnyside Montessori School who made the Christmas cards for everyone. The Harry and David sugar free candy is loved. And thank you to the people who donated gift cards; I know how much they appreciate them. The man who got the 2 movie tickets was so excited. Thank you especially to the 2 people who provided extra socks when I didn't have enough. Everything is so appreciated and it's so fun playing Santa Claus. You are all so generous in giving to the mentally ill and the homebound in our parish area, may God continue to bless you all. Happy New Year!

St Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food

Drive and Collection: Once again the parishioners of SJTW responded to the needs of the poor by giving generously in food and dollars. We received over 2,800 lbs of food, and \$5,000 in donations We continue to have increased requests for food, rent and utility help. We thank you for your kindness. Please keep those we serve and our volunteers in your prayers.



This card was received in Thanks to everyone who contributed to the 152lbs of personal care items, snack, books, sock, rosaries, etc. It's a small price to pay for them to fight for our freedom.

To the Altar Guild & Congregation of St Joseph Catholic Church;

"It warms my heart to know that wonderful people like yourselves would take the time to think of us. The personal care items you sent are a hot commodity and are not readily available at our forward location. It may seem trivial to most people, but here in Afghanistan, a new toothbrush or your favorite type of deodorant can be enough to brighten an otherwise dreary and uneventful day! I want to personally thank you for the continued prayers and support this holiday season, it means so very much to us! On behalf of "B" Company 1-162AVN Merry Christmas!" CPT John Hoffman - "STEELHEADS"



Cake Bakers Wanted!

Just before Christmas I was informed of another group home for 10 mentally ill people in our parish boundary and they asked if we would provide birthday cakes and care packages for them. I was able to give them care packages for Christmas and now I need 1 or 2 people willing to bake birthday cakes for them. The home is on SE Boise. If 2 people do it, it's only 5 cakes a year. If you are willing call

Homeless Outreach



Friday, Jan 14, 2011, we will host the dinner served at the Sunnyside Coffee House.

We start preparing food at 4:00PM and serve at 6:00PM. The soup kitchen is located at SE 35th and Yamhill. We are always looking for volunteers so if you are interested please contact Jan at (503) 254-2212 for more information.